

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved: September 23, 2005]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H. R. 2222 (Ms. Melissa A. Hart of Pennsylvania)

**Proponent name, location:** LANXESS Corp.  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Other bills on product (109<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2009.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

**Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):**

Aqueous polyurethane dispersions containing 29% to 31% solids content of hexanedioic acid, polymer with *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-1,2-ethanediamine, 2-butene-1,4-diol, 1,6-diisocyanatohexane, 1,2-ethanediol, 1,3-isobenzofurandione, methyloxirane, oxirane and sodium hydrogen sulfite, 2-(2-butoxyethoxy)ethanol-blocked (CAS No. 100486-94-0) (provided for in subheading 3909.50.50).

**Check one:**  Same as that in bill as introduced.  
 Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

The product is sold under the trade name BAYDERM® BOTTOM 10 UD to the leather industry. It is an aqueous fine-particle size polyurethane dispersion containing between 29 percent to 31 percent solids used as a surface coating for automotive seating leather. BAYDERM® produces a very soft film providing excellent flexibility; excellent wet and dry adhesion; and very good embossing properties. The product does not harden even very soft leathers. It is primarily used in basecoats and exhibits no appreciable loading effect on the leather grain. This material is compounded with other materials to create a surface coating paint for automotive leather. BAYDERM® BOTTOM 10 UD is imported from Germany.

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<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel\\_doc/bill\\_reports/index.htm](http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm)

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: 3909.50.50</b>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$250,000	\$290,000	\$300,000	\$320,000	\$350,000
Customs revenue loss	\$15,750	\$18,270	\$18,900	\$20,160	\$22,050

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission and industry estimates.

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
LANXESS Corp. (Proponent) Ms. Jamie Schaeffer 412-809-3666	08/04/2005	No	No	No
LANXESS Corp. (Proponent) Mr. Steve Ziehm 202-872-8181	08/04/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Ms. Karen L. Niedermeyer 412-777-2058	08/10/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Mr. Bruce D. Alkire 704-398-4204	08/08/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Mr. Richie Payment 201-796-1042/1043	08/08/2005	No	No	No
GST AutoLeather, Inc. Mr. Richard Kops 240-313-4074	08/10/2005	No	No	No
Stahl USA, Inc. Mr. Milt Barker 978-968-1441	08/08/2005	No	No	No

**Technical comments:**<sup>3</sup>

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to provide the correct chemical name.

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<sup>3</sup> The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2222

To suspend temporarily the duty on Bayderm Bottom 10 UD.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2005

Ms. HART introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Bayderm Bottom 10  
UD.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. BAYDERM BOTTOM 10 UD.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following:

“	9902.07.55	Aqueous polyurethane dispersions containing 29% or greater content of Hexanedioic acid, polymer with N-(2-aminoethyl)-1,2-ethanediamine, 2-butene-1,4-diol, 1,6-diisocyanatohexane, 1,2-ethanediol, 1,3-isobenzofurandione, methyloxirane, oxirane and sodium hydrogen sulfite, 2-(2-butoxyethoxy)ethanol-blocked (CAS No. 100486-94-0) (provided for in sub-heading 3909.50.50) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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1           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
 2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
 3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
 4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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